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STOCK TAKING IS OVER

And the time has come to clean up winter goods and make ready for our spring stock. We have marked our prices down so that if you need anything in our line you cannot afford to miss this opportunity. Look at some of our convincing prices:

Blue Cashmere, worth 60c at.....40c.
Blue Cashmere, worth 30c at.....25c.
Blue Cashmere, worth 35c at.....27½c.
Tan Covert, worth 50c at.....39c.

Men's Overcoats, worth \$6.00 at.....\$4.75.
Men's Overcoats, worth \$7.50 at.....\$6.25.
Men's Overcoats, worth \$10.00 at.....\$8.25.
Men's Overcoats, worth \$12.50 at.....\$10.00.

Brown Covert, worth 50c at.....39c.
Novelty Dress Coods, worth 50c at.....39c.
Grey Cheviot, worth 60c at.....40c.
Novelty Worsted, worth 15c at.....12½c.

Blankets, full size, worth \$6.50 at.....\$5.50.
Blankets, full size, worth \$5.00 at.....\$4.25.
Blankets, full size, worth \$3.50 at.....\$3.00.
Elegant line of Navajo blankets just received.

ALL Ladies' Skirts at greatly reduced prices:
Ladies' Balmorals, worth \$1.50 at.....\$1.25.
Ladies' Flannel Skirts, worth \$1.25 at.....\$1.00.
Ladies' Flannel Skirts, worth \$1.00 at.....80c.

A full line of "Star 5 Star" Shoes just received
1 Lot Men's Shoes, odds and ends, \$1 to \$2.50
25 per cent off on Ladies' Capes and Jackets
All Dress Calicoes at.....4½c.

We wish to thank our friends for their liberal patronage during the past year and we shall endeavor at all times to give you the best values that the market affords.

WRIGHT, GAMBLE & CO.

SUCCESSORS TO PATTILLO & GAMBLE.

OUR COTTON CONVENTION.

Last Saturday at the Court House at 2 p. m., a number of citizens responded to the call issued by the Board of Trade to consider the advisability of and the adoption of such a plan for the raising of cotton in Randall county as would insure the erection of a gin at Canyon City. The object of the meeting was briefly stated by the President of the Board of Trade, who upon motion of T. F. Reid, was chosen chairman, and R. A. Sowder was chosen secretary. The meeting was then declared open for business and a general discussion was invited. From this on the minutes show proceedings as follows:

"Mr. Reid told of the cause of cotton growing in Hardeman Co. and compared this to that country to the advantage of Randall county. He showed that we need a standard, money crop.

"Mr. Conner was called upon, but he declared he was no farmer, which was pretty generally agreed to. However he told of many instances where cotton had grown in this county.

"Mr. Bates was next called upon, he gave his experience as a farmer in this and other countries; his experience has been extensive and his talk was valuable. He also stated that if there was sufficient raised he would guarantee power to gin it.

"Mr. Gilleland stated he had grown cotton here.

"Mr. Beard gave his opinion that it would grow here and that it would open; it would grow cotton as well here as anywhere if it come up in May.

"Mr. Coffee had seen cotton that was planted here that did well.

"On motion of Mr. Reid the Sec'y. was instructed to take down the names and acres that those present would plant in cotton this year.

T. F. Gilleland.....10 acres
T. F. Reid.....5 "
W. F. Taylor.....5 "
J. M. Myers.....5 "

J. R. Beard.....5 "
Pete Davidson.....2 "
W. H. Bates.....2 "
L. G. Conner.....3 "
J. H. Garrison.....2 "
T. M. Brown.....10 "
J. F. Hood.....5 "
W. C. Baird.....5 "

"Moved and seconded that a committee be appointed to solicit names and acreage of cotton and to see what can be done in getting up a gin for this place, also to confer with the Board of Trade. Carried.

"Moved and seconded that the Chair appoint the committee; carried. Whereupon the Chair appointed Messrs. Bates, Reid and Taylor to serve in capacity. To await the action of this committee the meeting adjourned, to meet Feb. 6th at 2 p. m."

R. A. Sowder, Sec'y.
FACTS ABOUT COTTON.

Texas for several years past has produced about one-third of the cotton crop of the South. It is estimated, that on account of the boll weevil, one-half of the State has gone out of the cotton business thus curtailing production so that prices for the staple, for several years to come, are not likely to fall below ten cents.

Under present conditions and future prospects, there is more money in cotton where the average of the crop will reach one-third of a bale to the acre than anything else grown as a field crop. It has done in the past and will today pay a bigger dividend on the money invested than any other staple grown on the farm. It has enabled men of moderate means to make a good comfortable living on from eighty to one hundred and sixty acres of land. It has paid for more homes in the South than all other products of the farm combined and today the growing of it offers the farmer without a home the very best chance of obtaining one.

The by-products of cotton are specially valuable to the stock interests. Cotton seed, meal and cake for feeding cattle are

worth as much, pound against pound as is corn; even the crop growing in the fields and grazed off is worth much more than the cost of production. Again, the successful growing of cotton on the plains, would reduce the cost of warmth giving fat-producing cattle food at least one-third.

Establish the fact that cotton will average one-third of a bale to the acre in Randall county and good, honest, thrifty farmers from the weevil cursed districts will flock here; lands will more than double their present market value; the county will be full of happy homes, of churches and school houses; wire gates will give place to broad graded lanes all leading to Canyon City, and the county seat will grow and prosper as it should, receiving ample support from the citizens of its own county.

This is no Utopian dream; it is a plain statement of what the introduction of cotton has done for the Central Western counties—Runnels, Coleman, Tom Green, Taylor and a host of others. Over many of these counties the plains has a big advantage—all of our land is arable and will support a much larger population.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is Pleasant to Take.

The finest quality of loaf sugar is used in the manufacture of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and the roots used in this preparation give it a flavor similar to maple syrup, making it quite pleasant to take. Children like it, and as it contains no opium or other harmful substance it has no injurious after effect. It always cures. In cases of colds, croup and whooping cough it can be given with implicit confidence. It is equally valuable for adults and children. For sale by S. V. Wirt.

Mr. Bryan stated last week that in his opinion the coming National Democratic convention should by all means re-affirm the Chicago and Kansas City platform—declaring for silver at 16 to 1.

HOME-SEEKERS COMING.

Homeseeker's excursions to the Southwest from eastern points continue to bring thousands of people into our country who are desirous of seeking homes and fortunes by casting their lot with the people of a new country. These excursions will continue throughout 1904 and the prospects point to a greater influx of immigration during the next season than ever before in the history of the country. The new Southwest has been thoroughly advertised. Stories of the wonderful fertility of the soil and the abundant crops that have been raised during the past few years have reached a class of people that are anxious to avail themselves of the opportunity to acquire cheaper lands and land that will produce equal to the higher priced lands of the older states. The climate of the Southwest is the nearest perfect of any within the American Union, temperature reaching an average of 80 degrees for summer and 40 degrees in the winter. All kinds of crops grown in the north temperate zone are grown in the Southwest and it is the real stock-farming country of the globe. Formerly the home of the American buffalo which roamed at will on a thousand hills, it has proven to be no less adapted to the raising of domestic herds, which fatten, grow and multiply upon the native grasses that abound luxuriously over the entire plains country. The water is pure and abounds in unlimited quantities at depths ranging from the surface down. The country is rapidly forging to the front and the settlers are a class of hard-working, frugal, well-to-do people, who have come here to develop the country, make for themselves a home and sustain their families.

The cost of a cotton gin may be anywhere from one with a capacity of 5 bales a day at \$500, exclusive of motion power, to a modern up-to-date complete outfit at \$6,000.

RAISE HOGS, GENTLEMEN.

The stockmen of most of the Panhandle counties are beginning to raise hogs for a livelihood and it is claimed by those who have engaged in the business to any great extent that the raising of hogs produces more real profit to the stockmen than any other class of stock on the farm or ranch. A good brood sow will have pigs at least three times a year in this country and if she is well cared for will raise them all. Hence it can be readily seen that the hog industry is a profitable one and one too, that will be in the lead in the Panhandle within a very few years. This country has the natural facilities, especially along the streams, for the producing of the pure strains of the various swine herds. Pure water is necessary for good health to swine and the Panhandle affords plenty of it. As a consequence hog cholera in the Panhandle is unknown. The only reason that the breeding of swine has not been more generally engaged in before this is because of the great distance to market but with the building of new railroads throughout the country and the prospect for the building of more these obstacles will soon be overcome and the markets that at one time seemed a great distance with improved facilities for transportation will be near at hand. Our country is improving all along the line every day and ere long the "white man's burden" will be taken up as it should throughout the country and farming will prove more profitable. The raising of hogs will prove an important factor in bringing about this result. Besides adding to the wealth of the country it encourages our people to more thrift. Raise hogs, gentlemen, raise hogs.—Higgins News.

Board of Trade meeting next Monday night, Feb. 1st. Come out.

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